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Arnold Schwarzenegger
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TO: All Interested Parties

SUBJECT: WORKSHOP ANNOUNCEMENT AND REQUEST FOR INPUT AT
CALIFORNIA HYDROGEN HIGHWAY NETWORK (SENATE BILL 76)
WORKSHOPS IN OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER 2005

Dear Sir or Madam:

The purpose of this letter is to solicit stakeholder input at three public workshops that the Air Resources Board (ARB) is holding on The California Hydrogen Highway Network (CAH2Net). The ARB is seeking this input for the creation and release of two Request for Proposal (RFP) packages – one on establishing hydrogen fueling stations and the other on procuring hydrogen powered vehicles.

On July 21, 2005, Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger signed Senate Bill 76 (SB 76) that provided the necessary funding and legislative guidelines to implement recommendations of the CA H2 Net Blueprint Plan. SB 76 is a budget trailer bill that provides \$6.5 million in funding for state-sponsored hydrogen demonstration projects until January 1, 2007. The funds may be used for co-funding the establishment of up to three hydrogen fueling station demonstration projects and the State lease and purchase of a variety of hydrogen fueled vehicles.

The bill further requires funded projects achieve a 30 percent reduction in greenhouse gas emissions relative to current-year vehicles, use 33 percent new renewable energy resources in hydrogen production and not increase toxic or smog forming emissions.

The ARB will be holding public workshops in Northern, Central and Southern California. Staff will hold evening meetings in Fresno and Los Angeles to accommodate those interested in attending but who cannot make it during the day. The workshop dates and locations are as follows:

The energy challenge facing California is real. Every Californian needs to take immediate action to reduce energy consumption. For a list of simple ways you can reduce demand and cut your energy costs, see our website: <http://www.arb.ca.gov>.

California Environmental Protection Agency

Sacramento

Date: Friday, October 28, 2005
Time: 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Location: California Environmental Protection Agency (Cal/EPA)
Sierra Hearing Room
1001 I Street, Sacramento, California 95812
(916) 322-2990

Fresno

Date: Tuesday, November 1, 2005
Time: 1:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Location: San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District
Auditorium
1990 E. Gettysburg Avenue, Fresno, California 93726-0244
(559) 230-6000

Fresno - evening

Date: Tuesday, November 1, 2005
Time: 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Location: First Congregational Church of Fresno
2131 N. Van Ness Blvd., Fresno, California 93704

Los Angeles - evening

Date: Wednesday, November 2, 2005
Time: 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Location: The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California
700 North Alameda Street, Room 1-102
Los Angeles, CA 90012-2944

Date: Thursday, November 3, 2005
Time: 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Location: Air Resources Board
Auditorium
9500 Telstar Avenue, Annex 4 El Monte, California 91731

Please contact Mr. Michael Kashuba (contact information below) if you would like to provide input in the form of a presentation at one or more workshops. There will be time after each session for questions. We are seeking input on the following topics.

- Hydrogen production including renewables

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- Hydrogen storage and fueling
- Hydrogen station siting and location criteria
- Hydrogen fuel cell and internal combustion engine vehicles

The workshop is accessible to persons with disabilities. Persons with hearing or speech impairments can contact us by using our Telephone Device for the Deaf (TDD) at (916) 324-9531, or (800) 700-8326 for TDD calls from outside the Sacramento area. Directions and transportation options to Cal/EPA may be found at:
<http://www.calepa.ca.gov/EPABldg/location.htm>.

A workshop agenda will be posted on the CA H2 Net website approximately one week prior to the Sacramento meeting. For information on the CA H2 Net, please visit www.HydrogenHighway.ca.gov. This website will be updated regularly with information applicable to this and other public meetings, including webcast information. If you wish to receive e-mail notification of updates on the CA H2 Net please join the list serve at: <http://www.hydrogenhighway.ca.gov/sub2hwy.html>.

If you have any questions about the upcoming workshops or SB 76, please contact Mr. Michael Kashuba, Staff Air Pollution Specialist, at mkashuba@arb.ca.gov or by phone at (916) 323-5123.

Sincerely,

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